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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 783

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FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: PFOR, PSDC US SY

SUBJECT: ATTACK ON FONMIN KHADDAM - MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY

REF: DAMASCUS 8285

1. HAVE JUST CALLED ON KHADDAM AT GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL AND ON HIS WIFE WHO HOSPITALIZED IN SAME ROOM. SAID HE WAS DRIVING HER OUTSIDE OF DAMASCUS WEDNESDAY MID-AFTERNOON WHEN MOTORCYCLE CARRYING TWO MEN DREW ABREAST. FIRING FROM ABOUT ONE YARD, WOULD BE ASSASSIN HIT HIM IN BOTH ARMS. (OTHER BULLETS LATER FOUND IN DOOR FRAME.) HE DUCKED WHILE MRS. KHADDAM THREW SELF FROM RIGHT HAND DOOR ONTO ROAD, SUFFERING FACIAL ABRASIONS AND POSSIBLE CONCUSSION.

2. RECONSTRUCTING EVENT, KHADDAM SAYS IT APPARENT HE WAS FOLLOWED BY MOTORCYCLE FROM TIME HE DROVE AWAY FROM HOME. NO ARRESTS YET MADE. HE EXPECTS REMAIN HOSPITAL FOR FEW DAYS THEN CONVALESCE AT HOME.

3. COMMENT. BRAZENESS OF THIS DAYLIGHT ATTACK ON MAIN DAMASCUS-BERIUT ROAD IS DISTURBING. FORMIN HAS ALWAYS REFUSED BE ACCOMPANIED BY SECURITY GUARDS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED. THAT MESSAGE PROPOSED REFTTEL FROM SECRETARY
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EITHER BE JOINT MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY AND MRS. KISSINGER

OR THAT SEPARATE MESSAGE BE SENT BY MRS. KISSINGER TO
MRS. KHADDAM.
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